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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 23, 2001 NOTICE
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS
CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE
DISCLOSURES AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the February 23, 2001 Notice to Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the February 23, 2001 Notice was due March 25, 2001. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding: The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) for a small entity. Applicants has previously established small entity status. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith. Therefore, a reply to the February 23, 2001 Notice is now due April 25, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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